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117th Southern Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Player Information The Honors Course, Ooltewah, TN July 17, 2023

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Please review the following information for the **Southern Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier** at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, TN on Monday, July 17, 2023. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Qualifier Website Portal: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/9297745276032801530>

Sectional Qualifying and Championship Fees: Your sectional qualifying round course fee is included in the entry fee and paid by the SGA. For players who successfully qualify, the SGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$125.00. Range fees for championship rounds at the Championship site will be paid by the SGA. Players and caddies are required to walk during the qualifier and championship rounds (No Carts).

Practice Rounds and Facility Access: No practice rounds are available for this qualifier. Players are not allowed on property until the qualifier on Monday, July 17.

Starting Times: Qualifying round starting times will be available beginning Friday, July 14th before 5:00pm on the SGA website, emailed and texted to players. Be at your assigned tee ready to play a few minutes before your tee time. Starting tee time block is 7:30am-9:40am off #1 and #10 tees.

Qualifying Spots and Medalist: 4 Qualifying Spots and 1 Alternate. Ties for the final qualifying position will be determined by sudden death playoff immediately following the conclusion of play. Unless otherwise determined in a sudden death playoff, alternates will be ordered by the scores at each qualifying site using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18th hole, 1st hole, 2nd hole, etc. until the tie is broken). The medalist and anyone tying for medalist each receive a medal.

Host Club Information:

Director of Golf: Henrik Simonsen
General Manager: Chris Murray
Superintendent: Will Misenhimer
Golf Shop Phone: 423-238-9123
Club Address: 9603 Lee Highway, Ooltewah, TN 37363
Club Website: <https://www.honorscourse.net/>
Map to Club: <https://www.google.com/maps/TheHonorsCourse>

Host Club Policies

Social Media Policy: The Honors Course requests that guests do not post photos of the clubhouse facilities, including inside or outside the buildings to social media. Photos taken on the golf course are permitted.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings.

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, tucked in at all times. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to caddies and spectators.

Coolers: A small backpack cooler is permitted. Spectators may carry food and drinks for players. Reminder that outside food and beverages are prohibited. All food and beverages must be purchased from The Honors Course. Complimentary bottled water will be available throughout the course for players and spectators. Otherwise, traditional personal coolers are not allowed.

Personal Items: Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. It is best to leave your valuables locked in your automobile. Neither the SGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

Food & Beverage: Limited food & beverage (snacks & grab n go items) will be available at the club.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts credit card. MasterCard/Visa may be used.

Caddies:

- Personal and club caddies are permitted for the qualifying round. Caddies and players must always walk during the round.
- The Honors Course has a long-standing caddie program servicing the membership over the past 40 years. Many of these caddies have been full-time caddies for many years with extensive knowledge of the golf course and extensive green reading capabilities, while other caddies have some knowledge, and other caddies are new to the caddie program. Club caddies will be available at The Honors Course on a first come, first serve basis, and ranked by experience: Entry Level Caddie - \$100 per round; Experienced Caddie - \$125 per round; Expert Caddie - \$150 per round. The appropriate fee is paid in cash directly to the caddie and tip is included. *Note: The Honors Course does not have an ATM on-site.
- To request a caddie, contact the Golf Shop at 423-238-9123 or email: golfshop@honorscourse.net with subject "Southern Amateur On-Site Qualifier Caddie Request" by Monday, July 10.
- Personal push carts are permitted. The Honors Course does not have push carts available.

Spectators:

- SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators always walk near the cart path. Spectator carts are not available for any reason at this championship.
- The Honors Course and SGA will set-up two disabled spectator viewing areas on the 9th green and on the back patio of the golf shop overlooking the 18th green.
- Reminder that spectators must not give a player Advice but can assist in ball searches and permitted to carry food/beverages/umbrella/rain suit, etc. for a player.

Pace of Play:

The SGA wants all players to enjoy competing in our events. Pace of play may differ depending upon the venue, weather, and course conditions. Every player is accountable for playing at an acceptable pace; therefore, we need your help. Please observe the following guidelines to help ensure a pleasant tournament experience for all:

- Make sure to keep pace with the group in FRONT of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
- Go directly to your ball.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn or request to play out of turn if it is safe to do so.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken between nines to a minimum.
- Your SGA issued scorecard will have the maximum pace of play per hole printed on it.

Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke. A third violation will result in a two-stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.
- A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.
- The policy may provide that at any time, if a player is observed by a referee to take longer than a specified time to play a shot (i.e., 120 seconds), they will be notified of the excessive shot time and be timed, even though the group is in position.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.